availability, the following measures have been taken:

(i) Pulses have been put under the Open General Licence (OGL);

(ii) National level Agencies, viz., State Trading Corporation of India and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd., are importing pulses during the current year;

(iii) Enforcement of the provisions of the Pulses, Edible Oilseeds and Edible Oils (Storage Control) Order, 1977, under E.C. Act, 1955; and

(iv) A special programme is being implemented during the 7th Plan to increase the production of pulses.

Scientific Technologies to Tackle Drought Impact

487. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what specific scientific technologies have been evolved to minimise the impact of drought on agricultural production uring the current year; and

(b) to what extent the Plant targets for various items of agricultural production for the current year are likely to be achieved with the adoption and promotion of these technologies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) To reduce the overall impact of the current drought on India's agricultural production, the following technologies have been recommended:

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1. Crop production practices for important rabi crops such as wheat, rice, barley, pulses and oilseeds both under irrigated and rainfed situations.

2. Important crops and areas have been identified under assured growing conditions for meeting the future seed requirements and augmenting the seed supply.

3. Package of practices for promising fruit crops which can tolerate drought conditions have been evolved.

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(i) Punjab and Haryana States have around 10.5 m. tonnes of paddy straw. This straw is being utilised for livestock feeding after suitable treatment.

(ii) Considerable amount of sugarcane bagasse is available in some sugarcane growing areas in the country. This bagasse can be utilised as cattle feed after suitable treatment;

(iii) Intensive production of fodder crops in assured/limited water supply situations.

(b) To meet the short fall in food production due to drought in kharif season the targets of rabi production were fixed at 76.0 m. tonnes. To meet this target suitable crop production technologies have been suggested for various regions.

This programme has been implemented by different States and the present indications are that the rabi harvest will be better than that of th previous year.

Development of Towns in Madhya Pradesh under Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns

488. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of money that has been released to different States under the centrally sponsored scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns

during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) what are the names of the towns developed in Madhya Pradesh under this scheme during the same period; and

(c) what are the names of the towns to be developed under this scheme in that State during 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The information is given in the attached statement. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The towns are allocated to States under the Scheme on Plan to Plan basis, and Central assistance is released in instalments depending on progress of implementation/Towns sanctioned in Madhya Pradesh till the end of Sixth Plan are Bilaspur, Khajuraho, Dewas, Itarsi, Rewa, Katni, Morena, Dongargarh; Rajnandgaon, Balaghat, Chindwara, Harda, Waidhan, Guna, Sidhi and Burhanpur. During 7th Plan, the towns sanctioned are Hoshangabad, Gadarwara, Panchmarhi, Amarkantak, Kota, Shahdol, Bhander and Mhow.

Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

State/U.T.	Funds Released			Total
	84-85	85-86	86-87	2+3+4
1	2	3	4	5
Andhra Pradesh	80.08	117.00	123.50	320.58
Assam	23.46	20.00	..	43.46
Bihar	64.21	95.65	108.00	267.86
Gujarat	109.04	45.61	45.24	199.89
Haryana	48.00	5.00	35.00	88.00
Himachal Pradesh	6.66	..	..	6.66
Jammu & Kashmir	13.76	—	—	13.76
Karnataka	122.55	100.00	40.79	263.34
Kerala	65.65	82.10	48.50	196.25
Madhya Pradesh	65.65	240.79	132.14	438.58
Maharashtra	119.59	220.25	92.45	424.29
Manipur	..	12.00	9.00	21.00
Meghalaya	..	17.50	10.00	27.50
Nagaland	15.00	15.00	9.80	39.80
Orissa	65.23	75.00	10.00	150.23
Punjab	57.75	41.70	54.63	154.08
Rajasthan	111.95	122.35	64.56	289.86
Sikkim	..	..	13.64	13.64

1	2	3	4	5
Tamil Nadu	254.01	156.72	152.14	562.87
Tripura	0.40	15.00	10.00	25.40
Uttar Pradesh	77.03	102.43	266.35	445.81
West Bengal	257.37	115.90	174.26	547.53
UNION TERRITORIES				
Arunachal Pradesh	..	..	..	..
Andaman & Nicobar	25.00	50.00	15.23	90.23*
Dadar, Nagar Haveli	25.00	..	..	25.00
Goa, Daman & Diu	..	..	70.00	70.00
Mizoram	..	..	..	..
Pondicherry	..	..	30.00	30.00
TOTAL :	1598.99	1650.00	1515.23	4764.22

*Availed only Rs. 80.00 lakhs.

Seeking of Canadian Cooperation in Urban Transport

489. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to seek cooperation from the Government of Canada in the field of urban transport and other related issues; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Government of Canada have requested that two companies of Canada *viz.* M/s. BOMBARDIER AND M/s. UTDC may be kept in view for obtaining expert advice and help while finalising the specific mode of rapid transit system in Delhi and other metropolitan cities in the country.

(b) Government of Canada have not made any specific offer.

Assessment of the Working of Doordarshan

490. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment with regard to the working of Doordarshan in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to make an assessment of its recent working; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND